

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in reply to Final Office Action. Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment claims 8-10, 17-19, 26-41, 49-51, and 58-60 are pending in the application. The amendments are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Summary of Final Office Action

Claims 11-15, 20-24, and 52-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fullerton.

Claims 1, 3-7, 16, 25, 42, 44-48, and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fullerton in view of Clark et al.

Claims 8-10, 17-19, 26-41, 49-51, and 58-60 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Summary of Amendment

Although the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of the claims, in order to expedite the issuance of the pending claims Applicant has amended claims 8, 17, 26, 49, and 58 and has cancelled claims 1, 3-7, 11-16, 20-25, 42, 44-48, and 52-57 without prejudice. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims, other claims, or both, in other applications.

The limitations of the base claim 1 and intervening claims 3-7 have been included in claim 8. Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of the base claim 11 and intervening claims 12-16. Claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations of the base claim 20 and intervening claims 21-25. The limitations of base claim 42 and intervening claims 44-48 have been included in claim 49 and the limitations of base claim 52 and intervening claims 53-57 have been included in claim 58.

Remarks regarding §102(b) rejection

Claims 11-15, 20-24, and 52-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fullerton. The rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation without prejudice of the claims.

Remarks regarding §103(a) rejection

Claims 1, 3-7, 16, 25, 42, 44-48, and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fullerton in view of Clark et al. The rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation without prejudice of the claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and Notice of Allowance of the claims.

A request for the extension of time and a check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed. Should any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such additional fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/TDCO:006.

The Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MR Peterson', written over a horizontal line.

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